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It is, of course, distressing to learn that the bubonic plague has invaded Honolulu the beautiful capital of Hawaii. But it is by no means as alarming as though the city t under the control of capable me whose authority is unquestioned. The new reports thus far received already indicate that the disease had been virtually con ures taken were prompt and effective. A large fund for the work of quarantine and saritation was raised within a few hours. been placed in position to fight the consults were already appearing. It has been 'plague" is a disease which breeds in and ends to the matter of public hygiene is not In the large cities of Asia which are periodties are hampered in their efforts by the toos to conform to the health regulations They hide the cases, fearing the hospitals. e to bury the dead according to modern requirements, and so to the very things are calculated to spread the contagion and prevent effective sanitation ar Gradually they are learning the lesson of municipal authority. But I is a hard struggle. In some cases the sant-tary fules are contrary to certain doctrines f the local religion. The plague is regarded in some sections of Asia as a visitaor of the gods. It must not be opposed but accepted as a chance to enter the stat et bliss which is promised by the native creed. The large preponderance of the forces of the authorities creates for riots are possible when the health ocards begin to apply the regulations strict The situation in Honolulu, although there is a large Oriental quarter there, not such as to create alarm. The natives are obedient to law and the Asiatics are ot sufficiently numerous to cause trouble in case of a strict quarantine. The next batch of news will nevertheless be eagerly awaited, if only to demonstrate how an American city is able to cope with this Asiatic danger. The situation affords an-

Early Birds in New York.

urgent need of a cable to Honolulu, without

which the mainland is left in suspense for

more than a fortnight under the cloud of a

In the winter of 1891-2 David B. Hill. country by calling his friends together at an unusually early day and securing a dele gation from New York to the democratic national convention pledged to vote for him for the presidential nomination. Th "snap convention," as it was known, be came the subject of a great deal of sharp criticism. Mr. Hill was denounced in som quarters for moving in the premises so far in advance of the usual time for taking up port at home thus obtained, he was de sought it was asserted that his greedine ad been very properly rebuked.

But both parties in New York seem be copying Mr. Hill now. Neither, it true, has called a convention as yet, bu of national convention time, are figuring delegates may be obtained, and when obtained, controlled. The Platt and the anti-Platt people are maneuvering for control of the republican delegation, and the Croker and the anti-Croker people for entrol of the democratic delegation.

The contest between the republican New York is ambitious to name the candi date, and Mr. Platt desires to speak for the state in the national convention. His choice for the nomination is not announced, nor is that of the opposing faction. The divisior is not over whether Mr. Root, or Mr. Woodruff, or Mr. Bliss, or Mr. anybody else, would best fill the bill, but over the honor of controlling the delegation and speaking for the party in the state.

The contest between the democratic fac-tions has less to do with next year's democratic candidates than with the question of party regularity and future control of the party organization in the state. Mr. Croker cares as little about Mr. Bryan as does Mr. Hill, and knows far less about the silver question. But a New York delegation under the domination of Tammany Hall influences could be put to uses in the na tional convention to which a delegation under Mr. Hill's influence could not be put, and hence the fight for control.

The situation in New York, at all time animated and interesting, was never more interesting than at present. Whether the one party or the other is considered, a good deal is found of what is called "food for

The Quay case keeps Mr. Wanamaker anxiously awaiting the time when he will be called upon to form a definite opinion of the moral tone of the United States

The Hoers are plain, practical people, who have no time to say mean things in an ef-

fort to get back at Alfred Austin's poetry.

The Oleo Frauds and the Farmers. The manufacture of oleomargarine and similar products is practically confined to a very few large establishments. These establishments are supposed upon good authority to be in the control of a trust. Thus it comes that the imitations of butter are being manufactured by concerns of such size that the small producer could not pete with them, if he had the plant and the materials for making the stuff. The as come into direct competition, therefore, not with similar goods, but with outter, and at a tremendous advantage, for the imitation can be and sually is sold as butter at butter prices, thus giving the wholesaler and the manu

facturer a margin between cost and price

many times as wide as that which prevails in the case of genuine dairy products. In this way the farmer is being discrir nated against to the ruin of his dairy business, for he loses his market in the proportion that the false goods are sold in the name of butter. Every violation of the law in this respect is a blow at the legitimate dairy interests of the country, which are the interests of the agricultural class. A very large percentage of the income of

oleo fraud is to cause the butter business to dwindle steadily, for unless the law intervenes to prevent, wholesalers will be likely to yield to the temptation to take advantage of the wide margin in rates in he case of the imitation products. Thus it is that the present agitation and the exerdons for the convicted oleo handlers is a blow aimed at the dairymen of the country great and small in the interests of a few

which the people have been quick to appre-ciate. It not only absorbs all competition by first cutting prices and driving the small ealer out of business, but it acquires a great political power through the employ nent of large numbers of workers, whose votes may be influenced. The enormous them a resource for campaigning in their wn interests which counts heavily at times. The corporations which control the outter imitations are known now to be bringing all their tremendous influence to bear to secure these pardons.

The punishment of the convicted mer would greatly strengthen the arm of the law by proving that successful prosecution is possible. It would narrow the field of fraudulent enterprise, scare off the dealers who prefer liberty to an addition to their justice.

the courts, demonstrate the potent influence of the oleo trust to nullify all the work of prosecution, encourage the whole saler and the retailer and virtually wipe the oleo laws from the books as innocuous statutes incapable of enforcement. The issue is clearly defined in the premises, between the interests of the people and the of the trust on the other. An opportunity is at hand to afford an object lesson in practical trust regulation and repression by permitting the law to take its course.

The Macrum Case.

Is it not just possible that Consul Ma-crum's desertion of his post is being overlaid with too much speculation as to the probable cause? It is binted that his sympathies were so strongly pre-Boer he found himself unwilling to serve the English even in an official capacity. It is said that his only intimate friend in Pretoria was a prominent Boer official, and that he was absolutely under this man's thumb. It is superstitious, ignorant natives over portant secret information bearing on the and that his action will stand justified when he submits this upon his arrival to the State Department. And much more of deep, dark, creepy character.

It does not appear that Mr. Macrum proved unequal to his task prior to the breaking out of hostilities. The duties of the office in times of peace are those of the ordinary consulate. He had sought the place, and there is nothing going to show that he was discontented. That he should have made himself agreeable to the Boer officials with whom he was thrown is altogether to his credit. In doing that he was merely executing a part, and an important part, of his commission. His business was with the Boers, and he was wise in cultivating their good opinion and co-operation.

Not unlikely it will prove to be a case simply of stage fright. At the first clash of arms Mr. Macrum lost his nerve and his nead. He had not bargained for an experience as a prominent actor in a struggle of world-wide interest. The part assigned him seemed too large for his powers. He shrank from the thought of possible failure and so decided to make way immediately for somebody who could fully meet the emergency. When the State Department here hesitated about relieving him his trepidation increased, and while the panic was full upon him he shut up shop of his own accord and ran away.

It is ten to one that this tells the whole story. It tells a very unusual story, for Ohio men are not given to confessing incapacity for emergencies, and may be this is the first one to imperil his official head in an effort to secure personal comfort But Mr. Macrum is evidently recovering his nerve. He is coming home, and the United States will be a much less desirable place of residence for a shirk than the Transvaal would have been for a man who was striving, though under many difficul-ties, to do his duty.

ranging to entertain Mr. Bryan with an os will no doubt be very glad if it can tempo rarily divert the attention of these oratorical gentlemen and give the overworked

The jurors in the Molineux case are, o course, upright and candid men who will not permit themselves to be prejudiced against the prosecution by the affront to

having them shadowed. The Boer war has cost Great Britain \$200,000,000. Oom Paul might be excused for cutting his hair and trimming his whiskers and putting on a few airs as a

person of importance. David B. Hill will watch with interest to note how Governor Tanner's little play at getting out of politics will succeed.

The Boers who did not know much about marksmanship when they started have been patiently doing their best to learn.

The Lawton Fund.

The rapid growth of the fund for the family of Gen. Lawton, and the assurance that it will speedily and easily reach the candsome figure desired by the projectors, testify to the unstinted admiration felt throughout the country for the services of a genuine hero. That it would have eased his dying moments had he known that his countrymen would respond thus to the needs of his family is, of course, certain, but that such knowledge would have made him braver in his last battle is to be doubted. That he could not well have been. And, besides, he was a thorough soldier Lament as he did, and as it was only natural that he should when he considered the matter, his small provision for his wife and children, he yet, by his unflinching steadfastness to every charge, no matter how dangerous, constantly took all chances both for them and for himself, and gave no thought while in the presence of the enemy but of his duty to his country. He died for the country, and it is fit that his countrymen should provide for the comfort of his widow and for the education and

care of his orphans. No subscription probably has been has tened or increased in amount by the pub-lication of a letter written by General Lawton but a short time before his death on the subject of the American cause in the Philippines. For a time he was falsely represented as disapproving of our pres-ence in the archipelago, and as executing his commission there most reluctantly. Th contrary is now known to be true. He was no less valiant and eager in his work than in thorough sympathy with the purposes of his government in its efforts to establish its authority. He saw that the natives had been misled, but that as to those who had taken up arms against the United States but one course was open. They

attitude in the premises. It is a source of the highest comfort, indeed, to feel that he not only died for the country, but, in his heart, as a citizen as well as soldier, approved of the policy which he was

The people who have struggled with the 16 to 1 proposition will observe the co troversy about the beginning of the century with some relief. It shows how easy it i to confuse people with a little mathematics.

The report that the Boers are not tidy in their habits may enable Oom Paul to raise war funds in case of need by writing of what some brand of soap did for him.

It must irritate Aguinaldo to see free ransportation given to the Spaniards while

SHOOTING STARS.

he is obliged to walk.

His Only Interest. "When does the twentieth century gin?" asked the annoying man.

"I don't know," answered the irritable friend. "What I want to know is when this controversy about it is going to end."

"This life is very hard for me,

With cruel critics always lurking, For if I talk they'll disagree, And if I don't, they'll say I'm shirking.

His Search. "I want to get a flat," said the gloom erson who walked into the real estate office with an air of determination. "I see," was the answer. "Something

with all the modern conveniences. "I don't care about all of them. I'm willing to be reasonable and make allowances but I do wish you could get me one where the warm water in the bath room doesn' always seem cold and where the cold water in the filter doesn't always seem warm.

His Alert Suspicion. "Did you say the man who talks of comng to this place has money to burn?" said

the citizen who had been complaining about the way things are run. "Yes, sir; that's the phrase I used; money to burn.' "

"Well, we don't want him. I can see through him. He's one of these oppressor He wants to burn all the money he can gi his hands on, so's to make it scarce

His Impression of Sleigh Riding. "Sleigh ridin'!" exclaimed Mr. Corntosse contemptuously. "Do you honestly think that sleigh ridin' is fun?"

"Of course, I do," answered the young

"Well, mebbe I can git to that way thinkin', too. I read in the hints on health that the way to keep from takin' cold is to put your feet in cold water. I guess I'll try it, an' mebbe ma will jingle the sleigh bells. Then I'll shet my eyes an' make believe I'm sleigh ridin' an' havin' a fine

'Good-bye," says the year, "I have done I have brought my burden of rain an

've tinted the twilight in the west And colored the east when the day begun

Might lift a branch to the balmy air: have ripened the grain which the hungry

need
And bidden the blossoms be sweet and

'Yet men, for whom I would do so much Were fiercely striving in every land. They held my grain with a miser clutch And mowed my blossoms with ruthler

"Across the world that I thought to aid Grim war has hurried with ruthless ques I've given you sweetness and shine and

"Twas yours to use them. I've done my

Interference in the Transvaal,

n the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune The [European] powers did not interfere The [European] powers did not interfere during our civil war because they were watching the temper of the American nation. They saw that the nation was rising to its emergencies; that the old England had bequeathed its buildog temper to the new. They see now that the reverses in South Africa serve merely to arouse once more the indomitable buildog temper of this, which is the greatest race of conquerors since Rome. America, in 1860, in a peaceful mood, was a more promising subject of attack than when, with straining muscles but with blazing eyes, the nation muscles but with blazing eyes, the nation was gripping its burden in the blackest hour of the war. Britain, a year ago, was a better subject of attack than she is today, with the buildog temper well aroused. The powers are not such fools as not to know this, and unless hysteria gets possession of them, or some new and unforeseen contingency should arise, they will not interfere in the Transvaal. muscles but with blazing eyes, the nation

A Word to Congress. From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

A word to the Congress now in session at Washington. In that body sit a number of men who are opposed to an increase of the navy. They are relics of a past genera-tion. Nevertheless, the navy ought to be

navy. They are relics of a past generation. Nevertheless, the navy ought to be increased.

France has quite recently set this nation an excellent example by voting the sum of 500,000,000 francs for the improvement of her navy, and Germany also is steadily working along the lines of a similar policy. England, of course, is doing the same, although this was to have been expected in view of the fact that she always held to that policy, and likewise because she is now at war and does not know at what moment some other nation may threaten to take a hand in the South African muddle. If every other first-class nation is to perform this work the United States must do the same or drop even farther behind in the matter of naval strength. This the cheeseparers are quite willing she should do, but more progressive people are not. These facts should be kept in mind when the subject comes up in committee and before the two houses. They are unanswerable in their practical value, and, after all, we are a very practical value, and, after all, we are a very practical people

Hostility to Expansion Explained.

From the Sp.ingfield (Tenn.) Herald.

There has never been a party opposed to expansion that ever won favor with the people. We are innately a progressive nation, and the party or individual that seeks contraction or even wants to remain in statu quo is not up with the times and will be relegated to obscurity. We must go forward or retrograde; we cannot stand still. We are willing to lay a wager that the ferlow opposed to expansion was never a simon-pure democrat, or else he is one of those unjucky devils that always get on the wrong side of politics. If he is a farmer, ten to one he lost his meat this year and let the frost get part of his tobacco crop. Can't look ahead, you know. From the Sp.ingfield (Tenn.) Herald.

Germany All Right.

From the New York Journal.

The announcement that Germany has abandoned the project of buying the Danish West Indies is a graceful concession to American sentiment. Germany feels herself the natural heir of Denmark, and it American sentiment. Germany feels herself the natural heir of Denmark, and it
woud be especially gratifying to her to
have a foothold in the western hemisphere,
where her commercial rivals are so strongly intrenched, and where she does not
possess an inch of ground. That she has
been willing to give up this gratification
rather than offend us is a proof of good
will that we ought to appreciate. Now
that Germany has decided not to try to
be our neighbor she is all the more our
friend.

Antis a Little Mixed.

A very large percentage of the income of the average farmer is derived from the products of his cows. When carefully managed, according to modern rules of feeding, milking and churning, this business is profitable, for the demand for good butter is steady and there is never a disposition on the part of the consumer to question the honest price of honest goods.

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